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In re Application of

Meulenberg, et al.

Application No. 10/750,409

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Attorney Docket No. 2183-4041.4US

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 3, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to file a proper and timely response to the final Office action mailed November 19, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three-months from its mailing date. A response was filed on April 21, 2008, with a request for an extension of time within the second month. The response did not place the application in condition for allowance as indicted by a notice mailed May 29, 2008. The application became abandoned on April 20, 2008.

The Request for Continued Examination filed June 3, 2008, is noted.

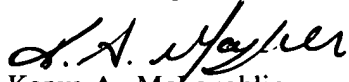
It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being

mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, GAU 1648 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.



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